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Applicant : Taguchi et al.
App. No. : 09/771,309
Filed : January 26, 2001
For : ALUMINUM ALLOY
HOLLOW MATERIAL,
ALUMINUM ALLOY
EXTRUDED PIPE MATERIAL
FOR AIR CONDITIONER
PIPING AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner : J. A. Morillo
Art Unit : 1742

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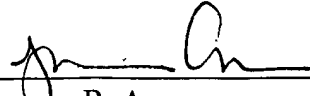
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